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1987 ROUND 5

MELBOURNE CROATIA

VS.

A.P.I.A.-LEICHHARDT

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4. Robbie DUNN.
5. George HANNAH
6. Mark TALAJIC
7. Josip BISKIC
8. Willie HERD
9. Alan SCOTT.
10. Ian WALLACE.
11. Tony LEMEZINA
12. Andy HUMBLE
13. Jim CAMPBELL.
14. Paul LEWIS
15. Jim McLEAN.
16. Branko MILOSEVIC.
17. Zeljko GAGULA
18. Ivan BISKIC.
19. Frank VALENTIC
20. Graham HEYS.

TONY LEMEZINA

After five home and away matches Melbourne-Croatia is in the 6th place on the National Soccer league ladder. Our last game was against Heidelberg United and all of our players contributed to that win. In fact, it was a tremendous improvement. having regard to the previous week's result against Adelaide-City. Our form so far has been patchy and as a team we had some ups and downs without ever really putting together a string of consistent strong wins. Individually we had few players who week in week out played at or near their best, the true sign of valuable soccer players.

On a positive note, many players were introduced to our team for the first time and they need time to settle and to adjust to a new midst. Senior team players, including those with National Soccer Team experience behind them, need to assume responsibility and leadership roles. There is much scope for our team to improve and a lot can be learnt from our past five games. Also boldness and strength must be shown in giving opportunities to young and hungry players.

After our humiliating defeat against Adelaide City a true test of character of our players surfaced in our match last week against Heidelberg United. We have confidence in our players that they will continue to develop as a caring and responsible unit. We have had our setbacks in the past, but we will bounce back stronger and tighter because of them.

In conclusion, we would like to congratulate our young and most promising player, Tony Lemezina, for being selected to play for the Australian Youth Team. Furthermore, we also extend a warm welcome to Graham Heys, who joined Melbourne-Croatia last week.

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7. TREDINNICK Peter
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9. BROWN Rod
10. LORENS Edward
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On behalf of the committee, players and supporters of MELBOURNE CROATIA SOCCER CLUB, we extend a very warm welcome to A.P.I.A. - Leichardt. We also extend our welcome to our new sponsors for N.S.L., West End Breweries, and our offical sponsor, Metro Travel.

A.P.I.A. - Leichardt have started the 1987 season very successfully and they have a strong team, especially their defence. They have acquired some outstanding players this year including Charlie Yankos. However, I believe that, after our morale-boosting win last week against Heidelberg United, our team will be able to collect the full points from what, I am sure, will be a fast and entertaining game.

Ian Wallace scored two goals last week and this brings his goal tally to 4 goals in five games which is a tremendous effort. Furthermore, Alan Davidson excelled in the role of a sweeper last week as did Robbie Dunn in midfield and Alan Scott at his natural position, which was at the full back.

In conclusion, I welcome everyone to today's game and hope that our supporters will celebrate with a win to Melbourne Croatia.

J. SKOBLAR
PRESIDENT

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